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Dworshak site work to close Merry's Bay access for three months

Orofino, Idaho – Dworshak Dam managers here have temporarily closed access to the hiking trail, which goes between Bruce's Eddy and Merry's Bay to allow cleanup work, according to a Walla Walla District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers recreation official.

The trail has been closed off to allow for the removal and disposal of floating debris and timber products that have been stored as a log boom near Bruce's Eddy. Clean up will take place weekdays during daylight hours. Managers expect the work to be finished by mid-March and trail access should re-open in mid-April.

An area at Bruce's Eddy will be barricaded and posted off-limits to public access for the duration of the work. The lower boat ramp, part of the asphalt parking lot, and rest rooms at Bruce's Eddy will remain open to the public from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. daily. "The public's safety is a critical concern to us, as well as that of the workers," said Erik Peterson, Natural Resource Manager at Dworshak Resource Center. "We're asking our visitors to please refrain from boating, driving, or walking near the work site during this temporary inconvenience while we improve facilities for their recreational visits next season."

For more information, call Heather Burke, a park ranger at the Dworshak Project, at (208) 476-1261.

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